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The Member continued that, if any body else was made the President, the latter would be in danger from the said notorious characters and that the President of the T. I. C of that place has to be a Magistrate. In the above circumstances, the Member urged that a First Class Magistrate should be appointed to Kayenkulam, in addition to the existing Sub-Magistrate, and suggested that the former might be given jurisdiction over the three taluks of Karthigapalli, Karunagapalli and Mavelikara.

The Member incidentally spoke on the necessity for opening a Sub-treasury at Kayenkulam, considering the risk involved in carrying money from the Krishnapuram Court to the Karunagapalli taluk and on the proposed opening of a Timber Depot. He also represented the need for strengthening the local Police force and for establishing a Munsiff's Court at the place.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

29. To increase the strength of the Kayenkulam Police and to appoint a Police Inspector for the town and to open a Sub-station at Ochira.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayenkulam) said that the jurisdiction of the Kayenkulam Magistrate was as large as a taluk and that two important bazaars—Kayenkulam and Ochira—the hot-bed of many crimes and the seat of notorious characters, were included in that jurisdiction. The present strength of the Police there, *viz.*, 15, was not at all sufficient for the protection of person and property. Many crimes went undetected and many offenders were left scot-free for want of sufficient policemen. As a remedial measure, the Member made the following proposals, *viz*, (1) increasing the number of the constables to 25 and of the head constables to 3, (2) appointing a separate Inspector at Kayenkulam, and (3) opening a Sub-station at Ochira.

Establishment of a Police Station at Mararikulam.

Mr. Kunju Mikhel Veenamsi (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that, at present, the Police administration of Mararikulam was conducted from the Shertallai Police Station. Mararikulam was about 8 miles from Shertallai and not only was there no road but the way to Shertallai was blocked by trees and sandy wastes and infested by snakes to the great inconvenience of the passers-by and consequently cases could not reach the Police in time for enquiry and thus many offences were left unnoticed. On these grounds, the Member urged the necessity for a Police Station at Mararikulam.

Establishment of a Police Station at Manakavilla, Kothanalloor pakuthi.

Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (Member, Kalkulam taluk) spoke on the necessity for opening a Sub-station at Manakavilla, as theft, especially cattle lifting, was on the increase for the last three years. The rise in the price of leather induced the stealing and killing of cattle. The present Station was far away

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and a new Station would be of great use to the inhabitants of the locality.

Dewan's reply.—The Superintendent of Police will be asked to report on the requests for more Police.

(3). CIVIL JUSTICE.

30. The desirability of introducing certain reforms in the (Civil) Judicial Department.

Mr. Parasurama Iyer Narayana Iyer (Member, Karthigapalli taluk) represented that the practice of levying full process fee in the case of different *karas* or *muries*, as at present carried on, was wrong on the face of the Government order fixing the *pakuthi* as the unit. He further stated that, at present, warrants were not issued in time, and this delay rendered attempts for the execution of decrees futile, and so he suggested that the Courts should be directed to issue warrants soon after the receipt of the application, on receipt of an extra fee of Rs. two. Another matter was that great difficulty was felt in the matter of obtaining encumbrance certificates for bringing to sale the properties attached, and he proposed that the Courts concerned should be directed to obtain the certificates from the Sub-Registry offices on the receipt of the necessary fees from the parties. As an alternative, he suggested the keeping of a register in the Sub-Registry offices, which would give ready reference to the various encumbrances relating to immoveable properties.

Dewan.—The opening of a book as suggested by the Member is in contemplation.

The Member then referred to the inconvenience caused to a female witness, claiming exemption from attendance in the Courts, in that she had to defray the cost of examining her on commission, and he suggested that in such cases the party citing her as witness should be directed to defray the charges.

Then the Member spoke on the difficulties experienced in the matter of getting sanction for suing in respect of *kandukrishi* lands and with regard to the refund of the value of unused stamp papers. He further urged the necessity for providing adhesive labels up to the value of Rs. ten to suit the convenience of the parties. The transfer of the Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court to Kayenkulam was also advocated on the ground of the greater convenience it would afford to the people of the adjacent places. In conclusion, the Member requested that the small cause jurisdiction of the Munsiffs should be reduced to Rs. 50 or that appeals should be allowed against their decisions in such cases.

Dewan.—(Referring to the last request) No such thing could be allowed.

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